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This Friday:

Aruba celebrates the memory of Gilberto François "Betico" Croes

Tomorrow the people of Aruba will celebrate the memory of senior statesman, Gilberto François "Betico" Croes. A movement begun by the Jen Hendrik "Henny" Eman for Aruban autonomy from the rest of the Dutch Caribbean islands, was finally realized by the diplomatic negotiations conducted by "Betico." It was G.F. Betico Croes who stirred the populace to demonstrate for right to self-rule within the Dutch Kingdom and com-



pleted the negotiations that show it realized. He is also credited with giving the name of "Status Aparte." Originally a member Eman's party, the Arubaanse Volks Partij (AVP,) he founded the Movimiento di Electoral di Pueblo (MEP,) in 1971. As leader of that party he became a principle negotiator and facilitator of Aruba's right to govern autonomously, earning him the informal title of "El Liberador."

Born into a very large family in the Santa Cruz district of Aruba in 1938, Betico Croes completed his secondary education on the island and then attended the Hilver-

sum Teachers' Training College in Holland. He was certified as a Headmaster in 1959 and returned to Aruba to teach at Sint Jozef School and the Antonius College in Santa Cruz.

Betico Croes began his political career in 1967, and even though he never held a position as a deputy in the Aruban Island Government nor as a minister in a cabinet of the Netherlands Antilles, he eventually acquired great political influence as president of MEP. He earned high regard as "consehero general" (general advisor) of the Aruban coalition governments, of which MEP was a part.

Betico took up the banner of "Status Aparte" for Aruba from the other islands of the Netherlands Antilles, while remaining part of the Dutch Kingdom, and strongly promoted the concept of Aruban national pride. In 1976 he advocated and expedited the creation and adoption of an Aruban flag and national anthem.

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Betico Croes led the Aruban delegation during the decisive Round Table Conferences in February of 1981 and in March of 1983 with the Dutch Government, conducted in Den Hague. During

this time, an agreement was finalized that awarded Aruba "Status Aparte" as of January 1, 1986.

On December 31, 1985, the eve of Aruba's official independence from the Nether-

lands Antilles, Betico Croes was gravely injured in a traffic accident. After eleven months in a coma, he passed away on November 26, 1986.

Island dignitaries will pay homage to the memory of

Betico Croes with an official ceremony at the Plaza Betico Croes, located behind the Cas di Cultura in Oranjestad on his birthday, which traditionally includes an address from Aruba's Prime Minister, Mike Eman. The ceremony begins at 5:00 p.m., with invited guests and island dignitaries arriving the half hour before. There are areas for observers to the proceedings, which will conclude with the national anthem "Aruba Dushi Terra."

Following the official proceeding there is a the traditional cultural program for the public under the band shell beginning at 7:00 p.m., featuring noted island vocalists performing patriotic and regional songs, along with traditional folkloric dance groups. It is an entertaining evening and everyone is welcome. Food stalls and handicraft booths lend a street fair ambiance. The full official observance will conclude at 10:30 p.m.

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Tomorrow, January 25, the "Betico Memorial 10K Race" will take place and IBISA, the live healthy and active institute reminds all athletes that today is the last day to register for the race at the IBISA office located on the second floor of Certified Megamall.

Tee-shirts and race numbers are ready at the IBISA office; athletes can pass during the day, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to register and collect their shirt and number. IBISA advises all athletes it

will not accept registration on the afternoon just before the race. Registration fees are Afls. 15 or \$10 for the 10K race and Afls. 10 or \$8 for the 6K run/walk.

On Friday afternoon, at 4:00 p.m., athletes who already have registered will be checked in outside the Centro Deportivo Betico Croes. The race starts at 5:30 PM, sharp.

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'Avatar' director Cameron accused over screenplay

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - A US judge ordered director James Cameron to hand over drafts of the screenplay for "Avatar" Wednesday, to lawyers for a man claiming he wrote the script on which the 3D blockbuster was based.

Eric Ryder is seeking compensation from Cameron and his production company Lightstorm Entertainment, claiming that the 2009 Oscar-nominated film is based on a story he wrote called "K.R.Z. 2068."

He filed a lawsuit in December 2011, saying he spent two years developing the story. On Wednesday Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Alan Rosenfield ordered Cameron's lawyers to turn over screenplay drafts.

"We have to be careful and sensitive about ideas and information," said the judge.

But he denied a request by Ryder's lawyers to grant access to the personal calendars of Cameron and Jon Landau, the chief operating officer of Cameron's Lightstorm Entertainment Inc.

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Open House at Police Training Institute this Friday, Dia di Betico



SAN NICOLAS – On Friday January 25 - Betico Day - the Training Institute of the Police Training and Development Division will have an open house at its Fortheuvelstraat premises in San Nicolas.

The event is from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with demonstrations by various employees of the Aruba Police Corps and the Aruba Correctional Institute. Also those interested to follow the different courses can register during the open house.

The Aruba Police Force invites all colleagues to come with their families and so enjoy a pleasant day with their contemporaries.

Willem III Tower open to the public for Betico Day celebration tomorrow

Tomorrow, January 25, the Aruba's Historical Museum, located within Fort Zoutman, will celebrate Betico Day with a tremendous family day. The famous Willem III Tower will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for everyone to enjoy this cultural edifice. Visitors can climb the stairs and admire the beautiful panoramic view of Oranjestad.

This is a unique opportunity not to be missed. Come with your camera and capture this beautiful view. As usual, there will be a great assortment of local food and sweets for sale. Visi-



tors can sit enjoy the tranquil environment and savor their food comfortably. There will be musical entertainment, and as special attraction to liven up the ambiance, a one hour folkloric dance class for the whole family. Young and old will learn how to dance the Waltz, Mazurka, Tumba and, if time permits, Merengue. The class is from 11:00 am to 12 noon.

The organizers have put together a varied show to entertain the public the entire day, with exposition and special attractions for everyone. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy a pleasant day with the whole family.

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Fundacion Anti-Droga Aruba announces extensive campaign aimed at alcohol



Juendel Sprok

Staff of FADA, (Fundacion Anti-Droga Aruba) announced on Tuesday, January 22, they are expecting several specialists from Holland to arrive on Aruba within a week to begin training social workers in substance abuse in a new faith-based prevention program, which has proven very successful in Holland and the U.S.

The program, renamed "Paga Tino" (Pay Attention!) in Papiamentu, has a six-pronged approach to addressing the problem of substance abuse and is particularly aimed at youth who are considered highly impressionable and vulnerable. Alcohol abuse and dependency are its main thrust. This a problem that often gets lost in the list of many other addictive concerns, as alcohol sales are legal, and "social drinking" is considered acceptable. Un-

fortunately, beginning to drink at a young age is a common problem on Aruba, particularly due to the general party atmosphere of the island.

FADA Director Juendel Sprok explained the curriculum is divided into topics that work on the perception of relationships and drinking, peer pressure, how the media and advertising projects alcohol use, comportment and risk when over indulging, sexuality and loss of control and general lifestyle.

FADA staffers John van der Biezen and Jeanira Kock-Wernet brought forward how the concern regarding alcohol abuse and dependency is particularly pertinent during carnival season, when the many parties and events exude a tacit approval of overindulgence. This sets a very bad example for young people, and moderation should be practiced by all those enjoying carnival, with strict controls to see underage youngsters do not have access to alcoholic beverages.

"Each youngster has to make their own decision regarding abuse, which often leads to dependency," commented Mr. van der Biezen,

"Despite peer pressure, the home environment is crucial in providing the guidance in giving youth the strength to resist. Talking to our kids, setting a good example, providing a firm foundation to control their behavior and recognize what will be disastrous decisions, are learned from a young age and by example."

FADA is part of the current "I Love My Body" inter-agency campaign being conducted during the coming carnival weeks. It is a prophylactic program addressing the problem of excessive alcohol consumption over the carnival period, often coupled with teenage pregnancy. FADA is concerned with continuing the message and tackling the general overindulgence among youth that is encouraged throughout the year with the many concerts and special club events scheduled. Most of these are sponsored by agencies supplying alcohol and consumption is a large part of the activity. "Arubans are not on vacation, we live and work here," noted the FADA staff, "we cannot cut loose every weekend as if we have no concerns. We find this prac-

tice soon bleeds into every day behavior and social drinking soon becomes substance abuse and addiction. Recognition of this debilitating behavior and control needs to be instilled in youth early on to reverse the situation." Paga Tino will begin with workshops in the schools aimed at providing the foundation to resist alco-

hol dependency among Aruba's next generation, but emphasize that parents and all family members must get involved to be part of the solution. For more information on FADA programs and counseling contact their offices at 583-2999 or visit their website <http://www.fundacionantidroga.org/>

By Rosalie Klein

Subway Aruba donates different sports material for 4th consecutive year!



For the 4th consecutive year Subway Aruba has been donating different sports equipment to different sports organizations practicing football, basketball and volleyball. The donation is to contribute to the sports development on Aruba, especially football, a sport that is much liked and played among the youth.

Jaime Maduro of Subway made a donation to Aruba Baseball Association representatives who then gave the Baseball equipment to representative of the Aruba South League in San Nicolas, Rayborn Didder. He will make sure to distribute the equipment to all sportsmen, specifically in San Nicolas

This donation was possible thanks to the cooperation of David Cohen of

'Playing it Forward.'

Playing It Forward, Inc. is a non-profit organization with as mission to provide sports equipment to disadvantaged children throughout the United States

and around the world. Since 2009, the organization has reached over 30,000 kids across the US and in more than 20 countries, among others Aruba and Haiti.

Mr. Cohen is the person in charge to collect the sports equipments that American Universities and Colleges use for the span of one semester. After the one semester these equipments are put aside and new ones are bought. Previously they were simply thrashed.

Playing it Forward's goal is to promote health and wellness amongst the children they reach while providing them with the equipment needed to develop their skills and remain active. This will surely create amiable bonds of friendship among sportsmen.

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The Man and the flag



By: Roland W. Peterson

*The caravan is moving
The wind is blowing
The sun is hot
The sky is blue
The horns are blowing
The crowd is shouting*

*The caravan stops
The crowd is mad and
frustrated
They are screaming
out in anger*

*Suddenly a shot rings
out*

*A silence falls
The earth trembles
The boulders crack in
pain
The wind stops blowing
The sky turns dark*

*In the middle of this all
He lies on the ground
The man is down
In the fight for
freedom he falls*

*When I fall take up the
flag and move on
There is a burning in
his heart
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Chavistas out in force, Venezuela VP back to Cuba

CARACAS (AFP) - Tens of thousands of Venezuelans marched in the streets of Caracas in support of cancer-stricken President Hugo Chavez Wednesday, overshadowing a much smaller rival rally by the opposition.

Vice President Nicolas Maduro told the pro-government rally he would return to Havana to visit Chavez, who has been convalescing in Cuba since his latest surgery last month, but whose condition is improving, according to Caracas.

Opposition leader Henrique Capriles, who lost to the 58-year-old Chavez in October's election, meanwhile challenged the ailing leader to speak to the nation if he is able, saying the Venezuelan people deserve "peace of mind."

Chavez supporters -- clad in red shirts bearing the phrase "Chavez is all of us" -- however seemed to need no reassurances about their president's prolonged absence from the oil-rich South American country.

Bearing flags, crosses, and pictures of Chavez and independence hero Simon Bolivar, pro-government demonstrators converged on the capital's January 23 neighborhood for the main rally.

Both Chavistas and the opposition were rallying to celebrate the anniversary of the 1958 ousting of Venezuela's last dictator, Marcos Perez Jimenez. But the rallies reflected the tension of the current political crisis.

"The goal is to confirm the people's commitment to President Chavez, to support him wherever he may be, however he may be, and so the world will know that the seed he planted is growing and will continue to grow," Audrey Ramirez, 43, a state bank employee, told AFP.

"We are with Chavez because he is the only president who has, for 14 years, fought for the people -- because he is one of the people. We are with Hugo because we are Hugo," said 44-year-old Nora Machado.



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Emotional Clinton angrily denies Benghazi cover-up



Secretary of State Hillary Clinton pounds her fist as she testifies on Capitol Hill

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Secretary of State Hillary Clinton came out guns blazing Wednesday, angrily dismissing Republican charges of a cover-up over the deadly Benghazi attack and warning of a rise in militant extremism.

At times emotional and often fiery, Clinton gave no ground to congressional critics still seeking to determine why the administration at first blamed the September 11 attack on a protest outside the US mission in eastern Libya.

"With all due respect, the fact is, we had four dead Americans. Was it because of a protest or because of guys out for a walk one night and (who) decided to go kill some Americans?" she told the tense hearing.

"What difference does it make?" she demanded, thumping her fist on the table as Senator Ron Johnson repeatedly asked her why the administration had falsely initially linked the attack to protests against an anti-Islam Internet video.

"It is our job to figure out what happened and do everything we can to prevent it from ever happening again, senator," she said.

She insisted there was no administration cover-up of the events of the night, when dozens of heavily-armed Al-Qaeda-linked militants over-

ran the compound and a nearby CIA-run annex, setting off an eight-hour firefight in which four people, including US ambassador Chris Stevens, were killed.

"Nothing could be further from the truth," Clinton insisted, stressing that in the days afterwards the administration did not have "a clear picture yet."

In one of her last major appearances before stepping down at the end of the month, Clinton showed no signs of the ill-health which plagued her in December.

She also choked back a sob as she described having to call the families with the news that Stevens, and information manager Sean Smith, had been killed.

"This is not just a matter of policy. It's personal. I stood next to President Obama as the Marines carried those flag-draped caskets off the plane at Andrews" air force base, Clinton told the senators.

"I put my arms around the mothers and fathers, the sisters and brothers, the sons and daughters, and the wives left alone to raise their children."

And she urged senators to learn from the attack as they confront a rapidly evolving political landscape in the wake of the Arab Spring.

"Benghazi didn't happen in a vacuum," Clinton said. "The Arab revolutions have scrambled power dynamics and shattered security forces across the region," she told the Senate Foreign Relations committee.

But top Republican senators rejected her explanations, with Senator Rand Paul suggesting she should have been fired for not reading requests for additional security.

"Had I been president at the time and I found that you did not read the cables from Benghazi, you did not read the cables from Ambassador Stevens, I would have re-

lieved you of your post. I think it's inexcusable," he said.

Senator John McCain also "categorically" rejected some answers, saying four months on the American public still did not have "basic information."

"It's a tragedy when we lose four brave Americans -- there are many questions that are unanswered. And the answers, frankly, that you've given this morning are not satisfactory to me," he told Clinton.

Appearing at her last congressional hearings as secretary of state, Clinton reiterated that she took full responsibility for deficiencies at the mission and insisted she had taken steps to boost security in high-threat regions.

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International News

Five charged with 'hate' in disabled kidnap case

PHILADELPHIA (AFP) - US authorities on Wednesday announced hate crime charges against a gang accused of imprisoning mentally disabled people in a decade-long scheme to steal their social security benefits.

The charges marked the first time authorities have applied a federal hate crime statute signed by President Barack Obama to a case involving the disabled, rather than ethnic or sexual minorities.

In addition to hate crime charges, Linda Ann Weston, her daughter, boyfriend and two others face allegations of murder, sex trafficking, kidnapping, forced human labor and racketeering against six disabled adults and four children.

The scheme was uncovered in October 2011 when a landlord found four adults aged 29 to 40 chained behind a steel door in a filthy, dirt-floor Philadelphia basement.

Philadelphia police say

Weston and her accomplices traveled across the country with her captives, moving to Texas, Florida and Pennsylvania to avoid discovery.

According to the US Attorney's Office, Weston persuaded mentally challenged individuals to name her as their caretaker, a move that allowed Weston to collect their benefits checks.

Weston then controlled every aspect of their lives, offering abysmal diets, forced housework and beatings if they tried to escape.

Two individuals died in her care, authorities say. Two others were forced to work as prostitutes. Their diets consisted of one meal per day -- often rice, beans or noodles.

Weston faces the death penalty, although authorities have not decided whether to seek it.

Weston, McIntosh and Wright have been in custody since 2011, and are expected to face trial in Philadelphia on January 28.

Mexico top court orders French woman's release

MEXICO CITY (AFP) - Mexico's Supreme Court Wednesday ordered the immediate release of a French woman serving 60 years in prison for kidnapping, ruling that authorities had violated her legal rights.

Three of five justices voted for the release of Florence Cassez, 38, who has been in prison for seven years in a case that strained Franco-Mexican relations.

Her French attorney, Frank Berton, said he expected Cassez

to fly back to France immediately. Her father was at the prison during the court hearing.

She was accused of being involved with a gang of kidnapers known as the Zodiacs, allegedly run by her ex-boyfriend Israel Vallarta.



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Scientists lift freeze on controversial flu research

PARIS (AFP) - Scientists who created a mutant bird flu virus said Wednesday they will resume the controversial research after taking a 12-month break to allay fears of the bug escaping the lab or falling into terrorist hands.

Citing a "public health responsibility" to continue the work, the teams said research will resume in countries whose governments had given the go-ahead, but not in the United States, which is mulling safety guidelines, nor at US-sponsored research projects in other countries.

Teams in the United States and the Netherlands announced in December 2011 they had engineered a hybrid of the H5N1 bird flu virus that was transmissible by air among mammals -- in this case ferrets, which are considered a good research model for humans.

In its current form, the virus spreads easily among poultry and wild birds but is hard to transmit to humans. It is even harder to pass on from human to human, which has only happened in isolated cases.

The virus is deadly in humans -- killing 360 out of 610 people infected from 2003 to date, according to the World Health Organisation (WHO).

Humans mainly contract the virus by handling live or dead infected birds, and there is no evidence of contamination from eating properly cooked poultry.

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US military lifts ban on women in combat

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US Defense Secretary Leon Panetta has decided to lift a ban on women serving in combat, a senior defense official said Wednesday, after a decade of war that saw female troops thrust onto the battlefield.

Panetta and General Martin Dempsey, the chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff, "are expected to announce the lifting of the direct combat exclusion rule for women in the military," the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, told reporters.

In February last year, Panetta removed a ban on women for about 14,000 combat-related jobs in an incremental move that was criticized as timid by some activists.

Calls to lift the blanket prohibition have mounted after more than ten years of war in which women fought and died in counter-insurgency campaigns in Iraq and Afghanistan where front lines were blurred.

Some senior officers have privately voiced concerns that infantry and special forces units require major upper body strength and that difficult physical tests should not be relaxed for female recruits.

Women make up about 14.5 percent of the active duty US military, or about 204,000 service members, according to the Pentagon.

The American Civil Liberties Union praised the move.



Congratulates Aruba on Dia di Betico

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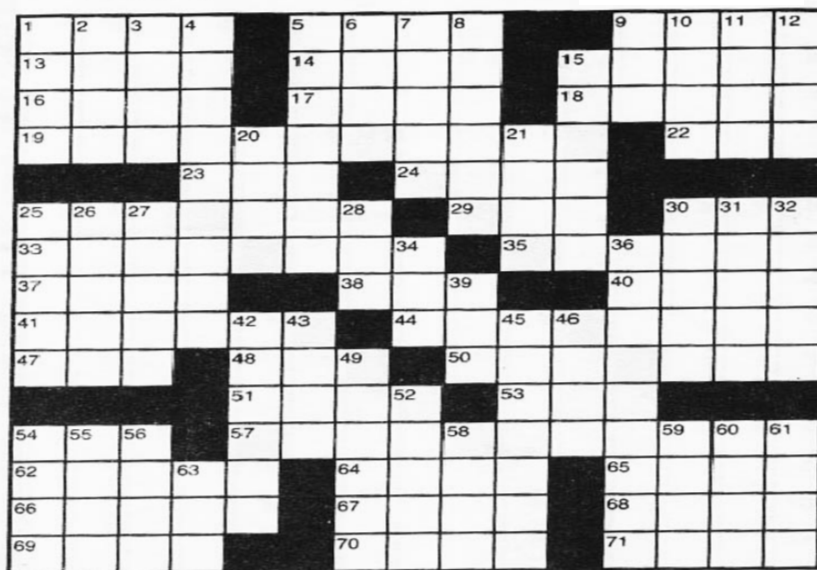
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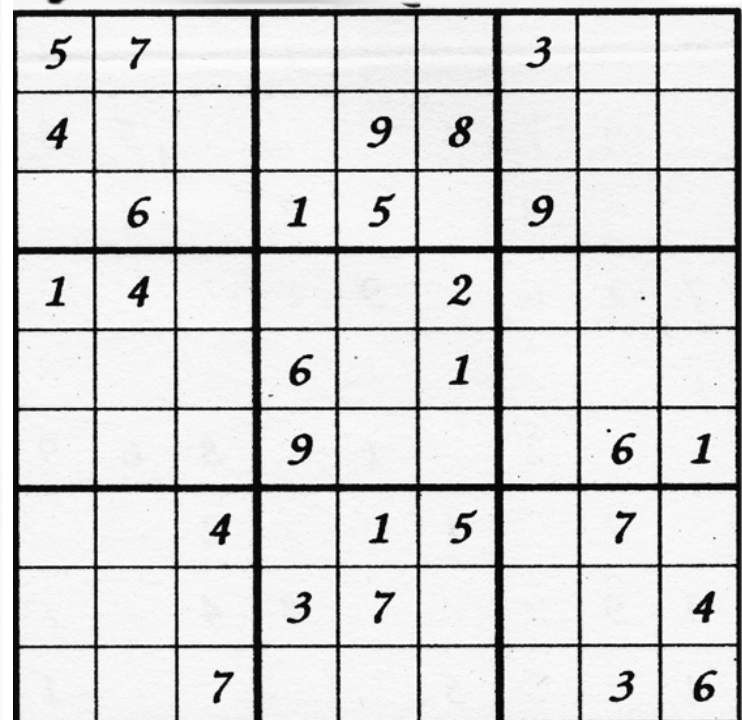
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Finance

EU slaps 79-mn euro fine on Telefonica, Portugal Telecom

BRUSSELS (AFP) - European Union anti-trust authorities announced on Wednesday a fine of 79 million euros (\$105 million) against Telefonica and Portugal Telecom for breaching EU competition rules in Portugal and Spain.

The European Commission said it had slapped a fine of 66.9 million euros on Telefonica and 12.3 million euros on Portugal Telecom "for agreeing not to compete with each other on the Iberian telecommunications markets."

The EU executive said that the breach occurred after the July 2010 acquisition by Telefonica of Brazilian mobile operator Vivo, until then jointly owned by both companies, as Telefonica and Portugal Telecom each became the biggest telecoms operators in their respective countries.

"The parties inserted a clause

in the contract indicating they would not compete with each other in Spain and Portugal as from the end of September 2010" but terminated the non-compete agreement in February 2011 after the Commission opened antitrust proceedings, a statement said.

Portugal Telecom said that the fine, of which it has yet to be formally notified, "is unjustified and inappropriate to any possible unworthiness of its conduct."

The company said that the clause in question didn't have the intent or effect to limit competition, that steps were taken to ensure it didn't and that it was eliminated after several months.

Portugal Telecom said it would study seeking an annulment of the fine before the EU's Court of Justice once it had received and reviewed the decision.

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US House votes to suspend debt limit until May

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The House of Representatives voted Wednesday to suspend the US debt ceiling until May, averting a potential default crisis and buying time for high-stakes budget negotiations.

The bill, which must be approved by the Senate before being signed into law by President Barack Obama, temporarily has defused partisan tensions, as Democrats and Republicans struggle to reach a broader deal to rein in deficits and the federal debt.

The Republican-introduced measure passed 285-144, with bipartisan support.

The United States exceeded its congressionally-mandated \$16 trillion borrowing limit late last month, and the Treasury has taken extraordinary measures to

keep paying the government's bills through late February.

Republicans backed away from their earlier insistence that sought to tether an extension of the debt ceiling to spending cuts. That stance threatened a repeat of last summer's tense standoff and elevating the risk of a potentially catastrophic default.

A showdown in 2011 over the debt limit led to the unprecedented decision by Standard & Poor's to downgrade the once-sterling US credit rating.

Obama has said he would refuse to negotiate over the debt ceiling again, and the suspension grants divided lawmakers an extra three months to try to

forge a broad agreement on boosting revenue and reining in spending.

In a bid to hasten action, House Republicans added a clause to the bill to keep senators from collecting their salaries if they don't pass a budget by April 15.

The bill would not eliminate lawmakers' pay, but would set the money aside in an escrow account until a budget is passed or until the last day of the 113th Congress, at the end of 2014.

If the bill is passed by the Senate and signed by the president, the current debt limit would be automatically extended as necessary until midnight, May 18.

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Adele to sing 'Skyfall' at Oscars



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Grammy-winning British songstress Adele is to perform the Oscar-nominated theme song from 007 blockbuster "Skyfall" at next month's Academy Awards show, organizers said Wednesday. The performance will be the first time she has sung the song live, and her first US television appearance since last year's Grammys. The tune is nominated for Best Original Song at the February 24 event. Earlier this month Adele made her first red carpet appearance since giving birth last October, at the Golden Globes in Beverly Hills, Hollywood's biggest pre-Oscars awards show. Her rivals for best original song at this year's Oscars are "Suddenly" from "Les Misérables," "Pi's Lullaby" from "Life of Pi," "Everybody Needs a Best Friend" from "Ted," and "Before My Time" from "Chasing Eyes."

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US agency halts funding for medical research using chimps

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The National Institutes of Health, America's foremost medical research agency, said Wednesday it would no longer fund studies involving chimpanzees as it prepares to revise its policies using

the primates.

The United States is the only industrialized country still using primates for medical research, in particular for studies covering hepatitis C, AIDS, and malaria.

The European Union for-

mally forbade the practice in 2010, following Japan, Australia and other developed countries.

In 2010, an NIH proposal to reintroduce 200 retired chimpanzees into research colonies caused public outcry.

The IOM concluded that most scientific experiments conducted on chimps are not indispensable.

But chimpanzees may still be necessary in the development of vaccines against hepatitis C, for

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Baby boy born to Shakira, Pique




MADRID (AFP) - Colombian pop star Shakira and Barcelona defender Gerard Pique on Wednesday announced the birth of their son Milan. "We are pleased to announce the birth of Milan Pique Mebarak, son of Shakira Mebarak and Gerard Pique, on January 22 at 9:36 pm (2036 GMT), in Barcelona, Spain," the pair said on Twitter. They said Milan "means dear, loving and gracious in Slavic; in Ancient Roman, eager and laborious; and in Sanskrit, unification. Just like his father, baby Milan became a member of FC Barcelona at birth". The baby weighed in at almost three kilograms (6.6 pounds) and both Shakira and Milan "are in excellent health", the singer and the football star said in their statement. In Bogota, Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos sent his congratulations to the couple "on behalf of Colombia and my family" via Twitter. Pique irked much the world's media late last month by announcing his girlfriend had given birth -- but then revealing it was a prank.

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Waka Waka is also open for dinner from 6:00 PM

nightly and from 5:00 on Fridays to start the weekend right with their exotic happy hour and half price on cocktails. Aside from excellent BBQ, they are very proud of their Fresh Fish de Jour, delivered daily. Visitors to Aruba know how delectable the offerings from the local waters are; sweet, mild and light, there is nothing better than the fresh catch of the



Left: the delicious Rack of Lamb; right: the elegant Surf & Turf dish

The menu offers a diverse selection from crunchy nachos, perfect with ice cold beer, to authentic local dishes, for those that crave a true taste of Aruba. It even includes and elegant surf and turf of filet mignon and lobster tail, catering to a large groups with varying tastes. Whatever you may be in the mood for, you are bound to found something to please your palate.

Wednesday evenings enjoy a three-course meal for only \$25 and on weekends, they are open from noon until 2:00 PM for lunch. We stopped by to sample the

standard lunch BBQ and recommend the tender ribs and chicken highly, as well as the extremely amiable staff, which was most eager to accommodate our every whim.

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Sport**NFL: Seau family
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SAN DIEGO (AFP) - The family of former National Football League star linebacker Junior Seau has filed a wrongful death lawsuit against the league for not doing more to protect players from head injuries.

The lawsuit filed in Superior Court at San Diego says that the league, by way of acts or omissions, concealed the risk of repeated head injuries during Seau's 20 total seasons in the league with Miami, New England and San Diego.

"Our attorneys will review it and respond to the claims appropriately through the court," NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy said in a posting on the NFL website.

Seau died last May at age

43 after shooting himself. Post-mortem tests showed he suffered from chronic traumatic encephalopathy as a result of concussions and other blows to the head taken during his career.

Seau's family says the NFL ignored evidence linking such brain injuries to hits suffered on the field despite the protection of a helmet.

The family is also suing NFL helmet manufacturer Riddell for "negligent" design.

Seau spent 13 seasons with the San Diego Chargers, helping them to their only Super Bowl appearance in 1995. He spent three years with Miami and four with New England before retiring after the 2009 season.

**Baseball: Cincinnati to host 2015
All-Star Game**

CINCINNATI (AFP) - Cincinnati will play host to the 2015 Major League Baseball All-Star Game, the league announced Wednesday, bringing the annual contest to the Midwest city for the fifth time.

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Ball Park, which seats more than 42,000 people, will serve as the site of the showdown between top players from the National and American leagues for the first time.

The game was played at previous home stadiums of the

Cincinnati Reds in 1938, 1953, 1970 and 1988. The team was founded as the Red Stockings in the 19th Century and is considered the sport's oldest club.

"The fans of Cincinnati, you're not going to recognize the event that you last saw in 1988," said MLB commissioner Bud Selig.

"The scale of our festivities today is stunning. The growth of the All-Star Game has mirrored the remarkable growth of the national pastime itself."

This year's All-Star Game will be played at Citi Field, home of the New York Mets, while the 2014 All-Star Game will be staged at Target Field, home of the Minnesota Twins.

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NBA: Durant leads Thunder over injury-hit Clippers

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - NBA scoring leader Kevin Durant netted 32 points to power the Oklahoma City Thunder to a 109-97 victory over the Los Angeles Clippers Tuesday, in a showdown of the teams with the league's best records.

Russell Westbrook added 26 points on 9-of-19 shooting, Serge Ibaka had 17 points and nine rebounds and Durant, who made 12 of 19 shots, added seven rebounds and seven assists for the Thunder, who improved to an NBA-best 33-9.

Durant managed only eight points in the first half but seized command of the game in the second half to frustrate the injury-hit Clippers.

Blake Griffin scored 31 points and grabbed 11 rebounds to lead the Clippers, who lost their second game in a row and fell to 32-11, falling to third overall in the NBA behind the Thunder and San Antonio (33-11).

Oklahoma City, which lost to Miami in last year's NBA Finals, again remains the team to beat in the Western Conference.

The Clippers, who agreed to a 10-year lease extension on

Tuesday to stay at their home arena through the end of the 2023-24 season, played without star guard Chris Paul, who was sidelined by a sore right knee.

An 8-0 Thunder run over the last 75 seconds of the first quarter evened the game at 22-22. Kevin Martin sank two 3-pointers in the spurt for Oklahoma City.

The visitors then opened the second quarter with a 9-2 run in 1:55, Reggie Jackson's jumper from the left side putting the Thunder ahead 31-24 to complete a combined 17-2

spurt by Oklahoma City over the cold-shooting Clippers.

Oklahoma City led 49-45 at half-time despite Griffin's 16 points and eight rebounds in the first half. Westbrook led the Thunder in the first half with 12 points on 5-of-11 shooting while Martin added 11 points.

Thabo Sefolosha's 3-pointer for the Thunder capped a 13-4 run to open the second half that put Oklahoma City on top 62-49.

Oklahoma City began the third quarter by going 5-for-5 on 3-point shots and finished

the period with an 82-68 edge, but the Clippers scored the first seven points of the fourth quarter to halve their deficit.

Durant answered the challenge with back-to-back 3-pointers, boosting the Thunder lead to 96-82 to help seal the Clippers' fate.

In their only prior meeting this season, Oklahoma City won 117-111 in over-time at home in November.

The teams meet again in Los Angeles in March but the Thunder have clinched victory in the season series -- a tie-breaker should the clubs finish with the same overall record.

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Participation in a marathon is very demanding and requires quite some discipline, willpower and commitment, especially during the months of training prior to the marathon. During the week the participants often have to get up at 4.00 AM in the morning to do their training. But training together is very motivating. For this reason the Arubans hope for a run of success.

Of course also the island Aruba will be promoted, considering the team outfit, with ARUBA prominent in the front (check the picture). The team outfit is sponsored by Runners Aruba and IMC Trust Aruba



Football: Xavi to extend Barca deal until 2016

MADRID (AFP) - Barcelona midfielder Xavi Hernandez will extend his contract with the Catalan giants until 2016, the Spanish league leaders announced on Wednesday.

"The midfielder will extend his deal on Monday. He will

sign a new contract that will keep him at the club until June, 2016," Barcelona said on its website.

Xavi's new deal is the third secured with key players at the club. Veteran central defender Carles Puyol penned a new

contract, also until 2016, on Tuesday while Lionel Messi committed himself until 2018 at the end of December.

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